

## Claims

[c0001] 1. A counter/brush unit comprising:  
a housing;  
a brush attached to said housing; and,  
at least one counting means operatively attached to said  
housing.

[c0002] 2. The counter/brush unit recited in Claim 1 wherein  
said at least one counting means comprises at least one  
thumbwheel, said at least one thumbwheel having indi-  
cia.

[c0003] 3. The counter/brush unit recited in Claim 2 wherein  
said indicia represent at least one of the group of strikes,  
balls, outs and innings.

[c0004] 4. The counter/brush unit recited in Claim 2 further  
comprising at least one thumbwheel stop, said at least  
one thumbwheel stop attached to said housing and op-  
eratively arranged to facilitate the display of one or more  
of said indicia.

[c0005] 5. The counter/brush unit recited in Claim 2 further  
comprising a support plate enclosed in said housing,  
said support plate supporting said at least one thumb-

wheel.

[c0006] 6. The counter/brush unit recited in Claim 5 further comprising at least one thumbwheel stop, wherein said at least one thumbwheel stop is attached to said support plate and operatively arranged to facilitate the display of one or more of said indicia.

[c0007] 7. The counter/brush unit recited in Claim 4 wherein said housing defines at least one window arranged to display said indicia.

[c0008] 8. The counter/brush unit as recited in Claim 2 further comprising two or more thumbwheels wherein said two or more thumbwheels are positioned on more than one side and/or corner of said housing.

[c0009] 9. The counter/brush unit as recited in Claim 1 wherein one or more of said counting means comprises a liquid crystal display (LCD).

[c0010] 10. The counter/brush unit as recited in Claim 1 wherein one or more of said counting means comprises a light emitting diode (LED).

[c0011] 11. The counter/brush unit as recited in Claim 1 wherein said housing defines an opening through which said brush protrudes.

[c0012] 12. The counter/brush unit as recited in Claim 1 wherein one or more sides of said housing are curved.

[c0013] 13. The counter/brush unit as recited in Claim 1 wherein said housing is fabricated with plastic.

[c0014] 14. The counter/brush unit as recited in Claim 1 wherein said housing is fabricated with metal.

[c0015] 15. A counter/brush unit comprising:

    a housing;

    a brush mounted in said housing;

    at least one moving means to retract and extend said brush; and,

    at least one counting means operatively attached to said housing.

[c0016] 16. The counter/brush unit as recited in Claim 15 wherein said housing includes a first opening through which said brush retracts and extends.

[c0017] 17. The counter/brush unit as recited in Claim 16 wherein said housing operatively arranged to enable access to said moving means.

[c0018] 18. The counter/brush unit as recited in Claim 15 wherein said moving means is a slide attached to said brush.

[c0019] 19. The counter/brush unit as recited in Claim 15 wherein said moving means is a spring powered ejector attached to said brush.

[c0020] 20. The counter/brush unit recited in Claim 15 wherein said at least one counting means comprises at least one thumbwheel, said at least one thumbwheel having indicia.

[c0021] 21. The counter/brush unit recited in Claim 20 wherein said indicia represents at least one of the group of strikes, balls, outs, and innings.

[c0022] 22. The counter/brush unit recited in Claim 20 further comprising at least one thumbwheel stop, said at least one thumbwheel stop attached to said housing and operatively arranged to facilitate the display of one or more of said indicia.

[c0023] 23. The counter/brush unit recited in Claim 20 further comprising a support plate enclosed in said housing, said support plate supporting said at least one thumbwheel.

[c0024] 24. The counter/brush unit recited in Claim 23 wherein said at least one thumbwheel stop is attached to said support plate and operatively arranged to facilitate the

display of one or more of said indicia.

[c0025] 25. The counter/brush unit recited in Claim 20 wherein said housing defines at least one window arranged to display one or more of said indicia.

[c0026] 26. The counter/brush unit as recited in Claim 20 further comprising two or more thumbwheels wherein said two or more thumbwheels are positioned on more than one side and/or corner of said housing.

[c0027] 27. The counter/brush unit as recited in Claim 15 wherein one or more of said at least one counting means comprises a liquid crystal display (LCD).

[c0028] 28. The counter/brush unit as recited in Claim 15 wherein one or more of said at least one counting means comprises a light emitting diode (LED).

[c0029] 29. The counter/brush unit as recited in Claim 15 wherein one or more sides of said housing are curved.

[c0030] 30. The counter/brush unit as recited in Claim 15 wherein said housing is fabricated with plastic.

[c0031] 31. The counter/brush unit as recited in Claim 15 wherein said housing is fabricated with metal.